

## LAWYERS ARGUE ON INSTRUCTIONS

Damage Suit of Walker Against  
Ratcliffe Will Be Presented  
to Jury To-Morrow.

### PREPARE FOR BIG CROWD

Extra Benches Placed in Court-  
room to Accommodate De-  
mand for Seats.

Argument on the charge to be given by the court in the Walker-Ratcliffe \$25,000 allocation suit continued yesterday in the Law and Equity Court, with only the usual interruption for luncheon, each side apparently believing that victory in the legal tangle depended more upon the character of the court's instructions to the jury than upon their arguments when the case is finally presented. The jury was convened at 11 o'clock, and at once adjourned by Judge Crump until the same hour to-morrow morning, when it is expected that the court's instructions will have been prepared and be ready for delivery to the jury.

It is the contention of the defendant's attorneys, C. V. Meredith, and James McDonald Wellford, that Mrs. Walker voluntarily, and without inducement or influence, changed her mind a few hours after the wedding on April 23, and decided that she did not love her husband, and, unpersuaded, sought the protection and material assistance of her family, which, under the law, it is permitted to give.

**What Plaintiff Contends.**  
On the other hand, Attorneys L. O. Wendenburg and T. Gray Haddon, for the plaintiff, argue that the evidence that Mrs. Walker was interrupted on her honeymoon by a false telegram as to her mother's condition, the statement of her brother that she must choose between her husband and her family, giving up one or the other, the declaration of her father that he would shoot Grant Walker if he came to the Ratcliffe home, on the Saturday night following the wedding, and other statements as to the marriage of his daughter go to prove that there was a general scheme on the part of the young woman's family to bring about an abiding and permanent separation between her and her husband. Unless it be upon the grounds that the wife is in physical or other danger through her marital relations, Mr. Wendenburg contends that the law does not allow even members of her family to persuade the wife to leave her husband, or in any way to take part in their separation.

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ture, the audience gradually dwindled down to a few collocated individuals who gaped and listened without understanding until they, too, shuffled from the courtroom.

Argument before the jury will consume six hours, according to a tentative agreement between the attorneys, each side to take three hours. The plaintiff has the right to open and close. Mr. Haddon will open for the plaintiff, and will be followed by Mr. Wellford for the defendants, for whom Mr. Meredith will close. Mr. Wendenburg will close for the plaintiff.

As hundreds of people have expressed a desire to hear the argument before the jury and have besieged Sheriff Mercer to reserve seats for them, he has decided to put extra benches in the courtroom, and the windows to the corridor will be opened so that those who cannot find seats in the courtroom may listen from the outside.

All the sheriff's deputies will be stationed in the courtroom to preserve order, and by an arrangement with the Police Department, an officer will be stationed at the door to keep the way clear for the ingress and egress of the jury and officials. Seats will be reserved for the litigants and for the press, and members of the bar will be given precedence over other spectators.

Mr. Walker spent a few moments in the courtroom with his lawyers yesterday morning, and left for the day. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Wadsworth and Frank and John Ratcliffe also came, but remained only a short while. After argument on instructions, Judge Crump took them under advisement, and it is believed that the charge will be prepared in time for presentation to the jury to-morrow morning.

## TOWN IS LOOTED BY VILLA'S ARMY

Churches Despoiled, Priests and  
Nuns Robbed and Property  
Confiscated.

### APPEAL GOES TO CARRANZA

Head of Revolution Called On to  
Prevent International Com-  
plications.

El Paso, Texas, December 13.—Stories of wholesale looting by General Francisco Villa's rebel army on its entrance into Chihuahua, of the despoiling of church treasures, of the robbery of Spanish priests and nuns, of the confiscation of property and demands for exorbitant sums of money, were brought here to-day by 478 citizens of Spain, who had been banished from Mexico by the rebels.

Conditions affecting foreigners and foreign property in Northern Mexico at the hands of the rebels became such to-day that an appeal was sent to General Carranza, recognized as the head of the revolution, to prevent possible international complications. General Carranza was asked to join General Francisco Villa in Chihuahua.

The representation was made that in arbitrarily selling Spaniards from Mexico, and confiscating or shutting down their property, valued at more than \$5,000,000, Villa has selected without sufficient advice, and that he had incurred the displeasure of foreign interests in forcibly entering the British vice-consulate to arrest Luis Terrazas, Jr., who is being held for \$250,000 ransom.

Complaint also was made to the United States government that S. Marion Letcher, the American consul at Chihuahua, was denied his usual right to send a code message to the State Department, when he wished to report the plight of the expelled Spaniards.

It was represented that Villa had ignored the friendly inquiries of consuls, and that he had violated the rules of international warfare in refusing protection to Spaniards.

**Message to Spanish King.**  
Several fugitives sent personal messages to the Spanish ambassador at Washington, saying they had been insulted by Villa's troops. Similar messages were sent to King Alfonso of Spain.

The situation resulted in a conference of rebel leaders at Juarez, at which it was explained that Villa, being a military commander, rather than the head of a civil government, had acted without sufficient advice. It was decided that General Carranza should be asked to start immediately for Chihuahua. The meeting decided that Villa by his acts toward foreigners had precipitated a serious situation. As General Carranza cannot go overland from Chihuahua to Chihuahua in less than ten days, a messenger was dispatched to Villa with important suggestions.

These suggestions in effect were that Villa should not further incur the displeasure of foreign governments by discriminatorily discriminating as to what foreigners shall remain in Mexico. General Benavides, rebel commander at Juarez, explained that, while the rebels regarded Spaniards as supporters of Huerta, and therefore enemies of the revolution, all other foreigners would be given protection. General Villa's order, he said, was explicit that Spaniards must leave the country within ten days on pain of serious consequences.

Nearly 500 citizens of Spain, most of them wealthy merchants of Chihuahua, arrived on a special train to Juarez to-day, and immediately sought safety in the United States, where they were accompanied by former Civil Governor Meye, of Chihuahua.

Among the refugees were eighty-five women, twenty-two children, and forty babies. Before the train left Chihuahua, General Villa went through the coaches to see who were leaving. Meye was designated by the foreign consuls to insure the refugees' safe conduct. Some of the refugees, reputed to be millionaires, were without money when they stepped from the train. Technically they left their property in the hands of British Vice Consul Scobell, but they said that really Villa had taken possession of it.

**Anxiety Is Increasing.**  
Since the rebel occupation, they said, Chihuahua outwardly has been quiet, but the anxiety among foreigners was increasing and within a short time all Germans and Americans would leave. Reports of numerous executions of Mexicans suspected of being friendly to Huerta were brought by the refugees. They confirmed a report that Major Ramon Sanchez Aldana, chief of staff of General Salazar, of the Federal army, had been executed, and said various persons who dared to remain after the Federal evacuation had quietly been put to death.

On leaving Chihuahua Senor Meye relinquished his duties as governor of the State. Thomas D. Edwards, United States consul at Juarez, attempted to telegraph to Chihuahua, but was told the wires were not working. Mr. Edwards said: "Villa is now Governor," Meye said, "He also is supreme military commander. Terrazas is held a prisoner in the State capital."

Forty-seven Federal soldiers, who had been left on police duty in Chihuahua and who were allowed to accompany the Spanish refugees, were arrested by General Hugh L. Scott, of the United States Army, as they crossed the border. The Federals had been stopped in Juarez. As night drew on, they began to fear for their safety, and this message came from Juarez: "The Federals desire to seek asylum in the United States."

They accordingly crossed and were arrested on the American side of the bridge. Eighteen Catholic priests and nuns of Spanish origin were among the refugees. They joined with the other expelled Spaniards in appealing to the Spanish ambassador at Washington and to the Minister of Foreign Relations at Madrid, a protest against what they asserted was an outrage of their rights.

The priests said Villa had demanded \$5,000 from each of them, and after they had given all they possessed, Villa's army looted the cathedral and churches and the convent of all the gold and jeweled chalices and sacred vestments.

Among the priests who vouched for this story were Father Superior Jose Morales, of the Community of the Holy Family; Father Manuel De Francesca, and the mother superior and six sisters of the Order of the Virgin Mary. **Villa Demanded Money.**

Other Spaniards reported that in addition to threatening them with death if they remained in Chihuahua longer than ten days, General Villa demanded from merchants \$1,500,000 in gold as a tribute to the revolution, in exchange for which he would pay them in so-called constitutional currency.

United States Consul Marion Letcher was appealed to in vain, the refugees said, because he was denied the privi-

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